



Chairman's report for January 2026



And just like that 2026 kicks off with a month that will be remembered for the devastating fires in the Kouga district, as well as in Mossel Bay. We can only pray for it to rain soon, because that is the only real solution.

Vir ons eerste wedstryd op Hankey het 32 mense ingeskryf en in pragtige sonskyn opgedaag. Soos ons Hankey ken, het dit sonder wind somer gou-gou amper onhoudbaar warm geword. Gelukkig het die vroeë afslane gesorg dat ons op ergste hitte van die dag reeds in die koel klubhuis kon sit. Die Ster van die Dag was Gerrie Odendaal wat amper eiehandig, met sy 39 punte, gesorg het vir sy Beterbalpaar se wen. Raymond en Celéste was tweede met 'n skaflike 43.



1e : Franco Castiglioni en Gerrie Odendaal - 45 punte



2e: Raymond Butler & Celéste Scheepers - 43 punte



Naaste aan pen #5: Wilfred Stephan



Naaste aan pen #7 : Dawie van Zyl



CttP #16: Gustav Botha #14 : Jan Steenkamp LD : Hein Vermeulen Nuwe lid Hylton Winnan Raffle : Sakkie Meyer

Ons tweede wedstryd het tradisioneel saamgeval met ons AJV, en 28 brawe lede het ingeskryf om die pretwedstryd mee te maak. "3 Clubs and a putter!" Yes! And the amazing thing was that the scoring did not collapse. The average IPS stayed at 30. The average gross stayed at 94. The highest IPS score was recorded by Sakkie Meyer. No drama. No fuss. Just golf; a tidy 39 points.

William Honiball and Sakkie Meyer combined had 43 Betterball points. Cecile Van Rie and Carina Theron finished on 42. Closest to the pin were Almero Weyers, William Honiball and Hylton Winnan and longest drive belonged to William Honiball. Sakkie Meyer has now finished top three in both games.



1e: Sakkie & William 43 pts 2e: Cecile & Carina CttP : Almero Weyers CttP & LD : William Honiball CttP: Hylton Winnan

Ekself was weer bevoorreg om saam met Sages Outeniqua te speel tydens hul eerste kompetisie, op die pragtige George baan. Bykans 100 spelers het meegeding tydens hul klubkampioenskappe. Dit bly soos altyd 'n voorreg.

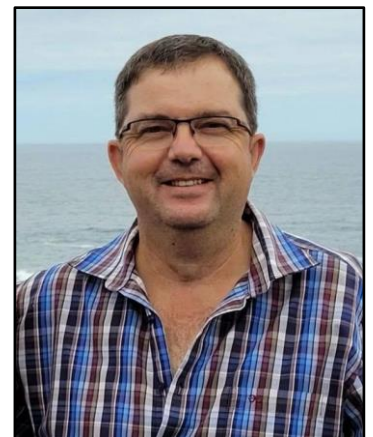
Ons het ook ons Algemene Jaarvergadering gehou, waar die volgende komitee verkies is: Celéste Scheepers, Cecile van Rie, Ewald de Beer en nuweling Wynand du Plessis.



Celéste by George golfklub



Kouga Sages lede in afwagting voor die AJV



Wynand du Plessis (sekretaris)

Die AJV het geskiedenis gemaak deurdat ons die Kouga Sages lede in persoon, maar ook per e-stem kon laat stem. Die 3 mosies wat die meeste stemme verwerf het, was as volg:

1. Om in aanmerking te kom vir die Speler van die Jaar trofee, moet lede ten minste 60% van die aangewese wedstryde voltooi.
2. Die jaarlikse klubkampioenskappe is nie verpligtend om in aanmerking te kom vir die Speler van die Jaar trofee nie.
3. Spelers kan voortaan tydens Beterbal wedstryde versoek om met 'n spesifieke speler geloot te word. Hierdie BB wedstryduitslae sal NIE in aanmerking kom vir Speler van die Jaar nie.



Everone is again reminded that we are HOSTING both the Pentagonal on 18 & 19 May and the Cape Regional Tournament on 26 & 27 October at the lovely St Francis Bay and the St Francis Links. Your co-operation will be highly appreciated. Help in any format is needed.

Ek is dankbaar om te kan rapporteer dat daar tans geen Kouga lede te siek is nie.

En laastens, aan almal wat ons voorspoed toegewens het vir die Mid-Am Grens/OP gholftoernooi; julle belangstelling word waardeer.

NS. As jy opskud, is daar nog moontlik 'n speelplekkie in die Vyfhoekige toernooi gedurende Mei by St Francis en die Links! Praat met Celéste of Cecile.

Celéste Scheepers – Voorsitter



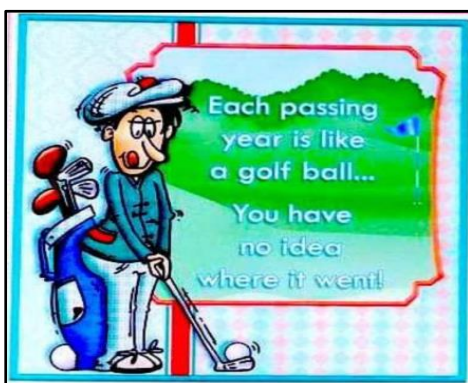
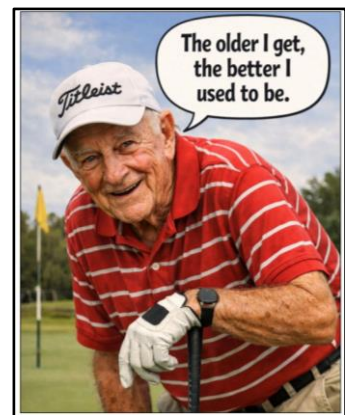
February birthdays:

5th - Nelus Rossouw
7th - Mike van Rooyen
23rd - Stephen Behr
23rd - Celéste Scheepers
23rd - Cecile van Rie
27th - Marius Alberts

Belated January birthdays

to our new members:

12/1 - Les van Aarde
25/1 - Richard Heydenrych



LET'S TALK ABOUT SLOW PLAY:

As we swing into a brand-new year, let's talk about something near and dear to every golfer's heart (and sometimes, their exasperated sighs): the pace of play. At Kouga Sages, we're all about enjoying the stunning scenery and challenging holes, but we also believe in keeping the game flowing like a perfectly struck drive down the fairway.

We've all been there: admiring the view a little too long, searching for that elusive ball in the rough, or perhaps engaging in a spirited debate about the merits of a bump-and-run versus a flop shot. While these moments are part of the charm of golf, a leisurely pace can sometimes turn into a glacial one, impacting everyone behind you. As renowned golf instructor Harvey Penick wisely stated, "Take dead aim, but don't take dead time."

One of the biggest culprits of slow play is often the group ahead, not the one behind you. If you are keeping up with them, you are playing at an acceptable pace. So, keep an eye on the group in front, and if you find a gap widening, it's a gentle nudge from the golfing gods (and our friendly course marshals) to pick up the pace!

Ever found yourself daydreaming about that post-round burger and beer while still on the 9th green? Well, dream no more! Your Sages committee has pre-arranged breakfast burgers at all the golf clubs, ensuring they're ready and waiting for you on the turn!

Let's talk about being "ready golf". "Players should play without undue delay." This means having your next shot in mind before you even reach your ball. While you're playing partner is lining up their putt, you should be assessing your lie, selecting your club, and visualising your shot.

Here are a few more tips to keep things zipping along:

- **Walk with a Purpose (but don't run, unless it's for a birdie!):** Between shots, maintain a brisk pace. There's no need for a marathon sprint, but a leisurely stroll can add unnecessary minutes. "Golf is a good walk spoiled, unless you're walking too slowly."
- **Be a Caddy for Yourself (and your playing partner's):** If you see a ball that's clearly out of bounds or unplayable, don't spend an eternity searching. Take your penalty and move on. As Jeff would so famously mention: if you can't score – wrap that ball in cloth and move on to the next hole!
- **Keep the Chatter to a Minimum (between shots):** While camaraderie is a wonderful part of golf, save the in-depth discussions about your stock portfolio or last night's dinner for after the round. Focus on the game at hand.
- **The "One Club" Rule (for short distances):** When approaching the green, take a few clubs with you, not just one. This avoids having to walk back to your bag if your initial club choice was incorrect. This practical tip is often shared by experienced golfers and coaches alike – don't worry if you forget a club – call the shop and we will send out one of the course marshals to ensure that the club finds it's way back home – don't double back and look for it yourself and waste more time!

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2026	Venue		NTP	LD	Game
08-Jan	Hankey	Kompetisie	5 7 14 16	2811	1
8h30	Shotgun BB				
22-Jan	Jeffreysbay	AGM	5 7 14 16	13	2
8h00	Shotgun BB				
05-Feb	St Fr Links	Kompetisie	4 7 14 17		3
7h30-7h50	PAR 3 IPS				
19-Feb	Zwartenbosh	Kompetisie			4
8h30	Shotgun IPS	4 carts	3 7 12 16		
05-Mar	Wedgewood	KS vs EP			5
9h00	Shotgun BB		3 7 12 14		
	Johannesburg	Nationals			
16-20 March	Randpark				6
	Jimmy Gowans				
26-Mar	Jeffreysbay	Kompetisie	5 7 14 16	13	7
8h00	Shotgun IPS				
09-Apr	PE GC	Kompetisie			
7h00-8h30	IPS		2 5 14 17		8
23-Apr	Fynbos GC	Kompetisie			
9h00	Shotgun BB		4 8 13 17	9	9
07-May	St Francis GC	Kompetisie			
8h30	BB		3 8 10 14 17		10
18 & 19 May	Kouga Sages	Pentagonal			
shotgun8h30	St Francis		3 8 10 14 17		11
	St Fr Links				

04-Jun	Jbay GC	Kompetisie			
9h00	Shotgun BB		5 7 14 16	13	12
25-Jun	St Fr Links	Kompetisie			
9h00-9h30	IPS		4 7 14 17		13
09-Jul	Zwartenbosh	Kompetisie			
9h00	Shotgun BB	4 carts	3 7 12 16		14
23-Jul	Hankey GC	Kompetisie			
8h30	Shotgun IPS		5 7 14 16	2811	15
06-Aug	Wedgewood	Kompetisie			
9h00	IPS		3 7 12 14		16
27-Aug	Fynbos GC	Kompetisie			
9h00	Shotgun IPS		4 8 13 17	9	17
17-Sep	Walmer	Kompetisie			
8h21-9h06	IPS		4 6 13 15	8	18
08-Oct	St Francis	Champs			
8h30	CHAMPS		3 8 10 14 17		19
26 Oct 9h00	Cape Regionals	Regionals			
27 Oct 8h00	St Francis		3 8 10 14 17		20
06-Nov	Hankey GC	CANSA			
Fri 10h00	CANSA		5 7 14 16	2811	21
19-Nov	St Francis GC	Kompetisie			
8h30	IPS		3 8 10 14 17		22
03-Dec	Jbay GC	Prysuitdeling			
8h30	Shotgun BB		5 7 14 16	13	23



Why I Play Golf

- The Challenge
- The Long Shots
- A Break From Routine
- Competition

Time with friends,
fresh air, laughter,
and forgetting
the score.



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